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# The Elba Clipper

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In aftermath of Hurricane Sally's impact on local area

## Elba escapes potential flood as Pea River crests sooner than predicted

Hurricane Sally made its way through Alabama last week dumping several inches of rain on the local area, which created flood concerns in Elba.

Prior to the storm's rain impacts, which began Tuesday evening, Sept. 15, with the majority of the bad weather on Wednesday, Sept. 16, the Pea River at Elba was measuring just under 3 feet deep. That all changed rapidly as the hurricane began dumping heavy rain on the local area and north of Coffee County.

Citizens watched with concern as the river began rising last Wednesday. It came out of the banks at the Hwy 84 bridge [boat ramp area] Thursday morning, Sept. 17th. On Thursday, the National Weather Service was predicted a crest around 42 feet — a number

that meant would mean substantial flooding to low-lying areas outside of Elba's levee.

The minor flood stage for the Pea River in Elba is listed as 30 feet, with moderate flood stage at 32 feet, and a major flood stage at 46 feet.

Good news came early Friday morning, Sept. 18, when the Pea River at Elba crested around 12:40 a.m. at 31.637 feet. No significant flood problems resulted in Elba with the river cresting below 32 feet.

However, there were several county [and a few state] roads that briefly were closed late last week due to water over the roadways from rising creeks, etc. as a result of the heavy rains.

Also, the winds from Hurricane Sally on Wednesday kept city, county and fire department officials busy as there were several reports of trees down across roadways. Again however, no major problems were reported.

Officials from the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority released rain accumulation



The Pea River in Elba [at the Highway 84 bridge] reached the top of its banks around mid-morning Thursday, Sept. 17, thus causing the boat ramp area to be closed. The river crested at this site around 12:40 a.m. Friday morning, Sept. 18, at 31.637 feet.



Members of the Elba Fire Department responded to numerous calls of trees down across roadways and on power lines as Hurricane Sally moved through the area Wednesday, Sept. 16th. Although Elba's Fire Department is a volunteer department, many of the firefighters remained at the department throughout the day and night Wednesday to be able to answer calls for help more quickly during the stormy weather.

Numbers show enrollment continues to increase

## Elba BOE members approve FY2021 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education held two meetings Tuesday, Sept. 15, and conducted public hearings at each to present the Fiscal Year 2021 proposed budget for the school system.

Valiece McKelvy, chief financial officer for the school system, presented the budget during the hearings, one held at noon Tuesday and the second held at 5:30 p.m. that evening.

During the evening meeting last Tuesday, the board voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 budget as presented.

Looking at the numbers, Elba City Schools antici-

pates opening the fiscal year on Oct. 1st with a beginning balance of \$1,237,872.27. Total revenues from all sources for the year are expected to be \$7,153,370.

McKelvy said the total expenditures for the system are anticipated to be \$6,909,103.

The projected ending balance for Fiscal Year 2021 on Sept. 30, 2021 for Elba City Schools is \$1,482,139.27. Of that figure, McKelvy said the general fund ending balance is expected to be just under \$1.3 million.

McKelvy and Superintendent Chris Moseley said they were pleased with the budget. With the numbers as presented, McKelvy said

the school system would end the fiscal year with approximately three months of operating funds in the general fund. She said the state requires a one-month operating balance in the general fund.

"I prefer us to be around the three-month operating balance," McKelvy said.

Along with the money figures presented in the budget hearings, McKelvy also noted state funding for Fiscal Year 2021 was based on an average daily membership record [first 20-days] the prior school year of 601.75 students. She said enrollment had continued to increase this school year for Elba City Schools.

She said the projected enrollment to be submitted to the state would be 644 students for this school year. That breaks down to an enrollment of 365 for the ele-

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The Elba FD Marine 1 boat was deployed Thursday, Sept. 17, on this County Road 201 property after a report of subjects trapped in the home surrounded by rising flood waters. The firefighters checked to buildings on the property but found no occupants.

## Elba Fire Department responded to multiple calls last week as a result of Hurricane Sally

Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker reported that his department responded to multiple calls for service locally from Wednesday, Sept. 16, through Thursday, Sept. 17, due to Hurricane Sally impacts. The department also provided mutual aid for the surrounding areas.

"Numerous calls for trees in the roadway, trees on power lines, power lines down, and water inside of structures were answered," Parker said. "Our fire fighters also answered four water rescue related calls."

On Wednesday evening, several of Elba's firemen, in a combined response with Opp Fire Department, assisted with a vehicle in the water on Geneva County

Road 10 in the Flat Creek Community. There were four subjects trapped. Just prior to the arrival of Elba's Command 1/Marine 1, the Opp Fire Department water rescue team was able to reach the subjects and evacuate them to safety, Parker said.

Upon returning from Geneva County, Elba Fire was requested by the Brantley Fire Department to respond Wednesday night to U.S. Highway 331 north of Brantley for a report of two subjects trapped in a residence surrounded by swift and rising water. Elba Fire deployed its Marine 1 boat to reach the trapped occupants of the home. The two uninjured adult, one dog, and one cat were safely evacuated from the home.

While leaving Brantley, Chief Parker said his department was alerted to a report of subjects trapped in a residence and surrounded by water on County Road 316 in the Bullock Community. Just prior to the arrival of Elba Fire units, the call was updated that the subjects did not need evacuation and wished to remain in place. All Elba units returned to service.

Thursday morning, Sept.

17, multiple units from the Elba Fire Department responded to a report of subjects trapped inside a residence surrounded by swift and rising water on County Road 201. Upon arrival on scene the Marine 1 boat was launched and gained access to two residences on the property; however, no subjects were found at either residence.

"Thankfully, all calls for service were completed without any reported injuries to fire department personnel or civilians," Chief Parker said.

## NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper and the Elba Chamber of Commerce will host a Mayoral Forum tonight [Thursday, Sept. 24] at 6:30 p.m. from the parking lot of Elba City Hall.

This event can be attended in person or viewed live on Facebook from the Elba Clipper page or the Elba Chamber page.

The two candidates for mayor in the Oct. 6th runoff election are Tim Johnson and Tom Maddox.

## AREA HAPPENINGS

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON CONTINUES** this Friday, Sept. 25, with the Elba Tigers hosting Providence Christian, the New Brockton Gamecocks hosting W.S. Neal, the Zion Chapel Rebels traveling to Samson, and the Brantley Bulldogs traveling to Highland Home. Kickoff is 7 p.m. for these games.

**THE CITY OF ELBA WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC TEST** on the voting machines for the upcoming mayoral runoff election. This test will be conducted Monday, Oct. 5, at 8 a.m. from the fellowship hall of Elba Church of Christ.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Reacting in anger or annoyance will not advance one's ability to persuade." Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died last week. She had been quoted as saying she hoped to hold on until after the elections. That didn't happen and now there is a new elephant in the room that might alter the public sentiment about who Americans want as president for the next four years.

We wonder how (and if) the political maneuvering to name a new US Supreme Court Justice will impact the upcoming presidential election. The push to get it done before the election could cause a rebellion against the Republicans . . . or it could be exactly what the majority of the voters want. In that case, any efforts by the Democrats to slow the process could backfire on them and work in favor of Trump's reelection efforts. Only time will tell.


We classify ourself as a conservative on most issues, but not a radical. That probably is what molded the opinion that we have no problem with the Supreme Court having both conservative and liberal leaning judges. Regardless of the issue, it never hurts to listen to differing opinions. Sometimes those 'other folks' can be right! If not totally right, their voice can often get 'our side' thinking and making better decisions.

It is awful easy to find reasons to criticize President Trump and we often do that. However, in fairness we must voice support when we think he makes a valid point. His recent comments about the forest fires on the west coast have a lot more truth than a grain of salt some credit him with. We have even written here that they should adopt control burns in those forests, something that some (tree huggers) argue against, under the premise that such burning is bad for the environment. Comparing with what they have out there now, a control burn is very good for the environment! Oh, and all the blame should not be on the states, as the majority of that land is owned by the federal government, so they have a big dog in this never-ending hunt as well.

The census taking business is apparently running into a lot of problems finding folks to count. The various states are pushing for more participation by their residents because the House of Representatives membership is divided according to population. Alabama lost a House member many years ago and we thought the world was coming to an end. The population (in relationship to the other states) also dictates how much federal money trickles down to the respective states. All the counting will be over in a few days, so go ahead and fill out the form, either the paper form or go online. It didn't take but a couple of minutes to fill out ours. We spent more time deciding which button on the computer to click to find the census form than we did filling in the blanks.

Be safe – wear your mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.

EDITORIAL



# Mayoral Elba Forum

Thursday, September 24  
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The water level of Whitewater Creek in Elba was quite high last Thursday in the aftermath of Hurricane Sally; however, water from the creek did not create any huge issues for local citizens and remained below the new bypass bridge that crosses the creek near Hwy. 125.

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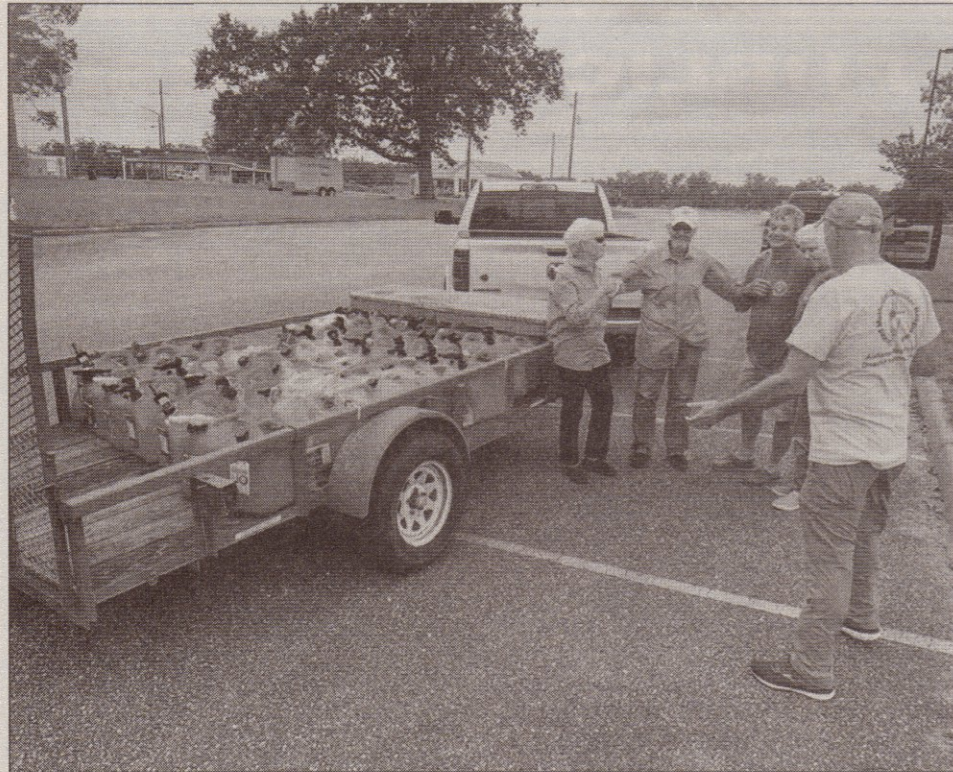


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**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARTICIPATED IN A DISTRICTWIDE HURRICANE SALLY RELIEF EFFORT** last Saturday, Sept. 19th. Reverend Steve Renau left Elba with the church bus and gathered with District Superintendent and other Methodist churches within the Dothan District at Tabernacle UMC in Taylor, Ala. to transport tarps for roofing and gas cans for generators to Pensacola, Fla. to aid in the relief effort for Hurricane Sally. Other items continue to be collected for this relief effort. They include cleaning kits, bug spray, disposal diapers, gasoline and of course money.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Sept. 15, and Monday, Sept. 21, 2020, conducted the following activity:

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 15** – Harassment reported at 1967 Hwy 84 (9:45 a.m.); Burglary reported at 785 Claxton Ave N (12:01 p.m.); Harassment reported at 745 Lee St (6:46 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1152 Neil Grantham Dr (7:08 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1241 Farris Ave (8:04 p.m.). There were three traffic stops reported on this date resulting in one advise given, one no action taken, and one verbal warning.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16** – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1152 Neil Grantham Dr (2:00 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (7:41 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 87 (7:44 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1247 Ann St (8:50 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (9:24 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date with no action taken.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 17** – Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (8:21 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 745 Lee St (9:22 a.m.); Harassment reported at 20404 Hwy 87 (9:36 a.m.); Domestic complaint at 745 Lee St – an arrest was made (11:20 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Reynolds Ave (10:21 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 745 Lee St – an arrest was made (11:58 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1239 Ann St (1:49 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date resulting in a verbal warning.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 18** – Burglary reported at 1732 Martin Luther King Dr (2:54 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Taylor Mill Rd (3:11 a.m.); Burglary reported at 829 Rebecca Lane (8:48 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1410 Hwy 166 (10:18 a.m.); Missing person reported at 1113 Oak Ave (3:14 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (4:59 p.m.); Suspicious person reported

on Martin Luther King Dr (5:56 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr (6:20 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1950 Reese Ave (7:22 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (10:53 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date with one arrest made and one warning issued.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 19** – Prowler reported on Taylor Mill Rd (3:04 a.m.); Burglary reported at 6272 County Rd 410 (9:58 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1232 Ann St (10:36 a.m.); Burglary reported at 923 Roosevelt Ave (11:00 a.m.); Harassment reported at 667 Reynolds Ave – an arrest was made (11:06 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1320 Highland Dr (1:42 p.m.); Vehicle pursuit reported on Hwy 84 (2:13 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 615 Jackson Ave (7:16 p.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 716 Simmons St (9:16 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date with one citation issued and one warning issued.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 20** – Harassment reported at 490 County Rd 263 (5:13 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Reese Ave (10:53 a.m.); Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 15299 Hwy 87 (11:10 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 87 (11:14 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 119 Old Samson Rd (4:30 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 213 Taylor Ave (11:18 p.m.). There was one traffic stop issued on this date with a warning issued.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 21** – Suspicious vehicle reported at 1192 Pine Circle (3:36 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 6445 Hwy 125 (8:25 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 433 County Rd 505 (11:48 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (2:44 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on the Troy Hwy (4:04 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 987 Drayton Ave (4:11 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 342 N Court Ave (5:11 p.m.).

# Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

## BETTY JANE CASTEEL CRABTREE

Mrs. Betty Jane Casteel Crabtree, age 69, of Kinston, Ala., died Friday, Sept. 18, 2020, in Mizell Memorial Hospital, Opp, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sept. 21, 2020 from the Chapel of Wyatt Funeral Home in Opp with burial following in Rhoades Cemetery. James Hataway officiated the service, and Wyatt Funeral Home directed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gladys Goodin Casteel and Rodman Casteel.

Survivors include her husband: Thomas Dewey Crabtree; daughters and sons-in-law: Deborah McKay and Kevin, Anita Terry and Adrian, Mechelle Stauffer and Boots, Carol McMahan and Tim, Cassandra Walker and Justin and Deweylania Syler and Scott; son and daughter-in-law: James Gilpin and Jodie; brother: Junior Casteel; sisters: Judy Vaughn and Ann Slinker; adopted grandchildren: Issac and Johnathan Clark; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## PHYLLIS ANN HUDSON

Mrs. Phyllis Ann Hudson, age 61, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020, at the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elba, Ala.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, at 2 p.m. from Basin

Baptist Church with Dr. Sam Self officiating. Visitation was at Basin Baptist Church on Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. The Hudson family requested in lieu of flowers contributions be made to Basin Baptist Church, 9795 Highway 189, Elba, AL 36323. Hayes Funeral Home directed the services.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years: Terry Wayne Hudson, daughter: Paige Hudson Pridgen, son: Chris (Destiny) Hudson, Elba; grandson: Tanner Hudson, granddaughters: Kate Hudson, Hillary Hudson, Daniele (Mason Cherk) Pridgen, Rylee Pridgen, and Lillie-Grace Hudson, all of Elba; and sister: Donna (Rusty) Sauvigne, Panama City, Fla.

## GLENN ALAN DAVIS

Mr. Glenn Alan Davis, age 38, of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020, at UAB in Birmingham, Ala., after a brief illness.

He was born September 24, 1981 in Atlanta, Ga., the son of the late Douglas K. Davis and Kong Sun Ma.

Glenn graduated from Elba High School and earned his undergraduate degree in psychology, counseling, and foundations of education and then capped off his education with an MS in counseling and psychology at Troy University. He most recently worked as a therapist at a residential treatment facility for youth suffering from serious behavioral and emotional issues.

A Memorial Service was held Wednesday, Sept. 23,

2020, at 10 a.m., at Searcy Funeral Home & Crematory, 1301 Neal Metcalf Road, Enterprise, Ala. Visitation was at 9 a.m.

Survivors include his life-partner: Tracy Buchanan; his mother: Kong Sun Ma; grandmother: Jung Gwi Yeon; sisters: Connie and Julie Hong; brother: Jared English; aunts: Pok Holbrook and Melinda Davis Keisling; and a host of cousins.

You may sign the register book or send condolences to the family at our website: [www.searcyfuneralhome.com](http://www.searcyfuneralhome.com)

# RIVER

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numbers from their river gauges on Friday. These accumulations were for the timeframe of Monday, Sept. 14, through Friday morning, Sept. 18.

Elba received 8.04 inches of rain; Enterprise received 9.96 inches of rain; Folsom Bridge received 8.04 inches of rain; Lowry Mill received 11.08 inches of rain; and New Brockton received 9.04 inches of rain; and Big Creek received 9.12 inches of rain.

Elba and Coffee County Schools were closed Wednesday – Friday last week due to the weather conditions.

As of Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 3 p.m., the Pea River at Elba was back down to measuring just over 9 feet deep.

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# BOE

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mentary school and 279 for the high school.

After approving the Fiscal Year 2021 budget last Tuesday night, the board also approved the school system 5-year capital plan, as presented by the superintendent. Moseley reminded board members this is a working document, but must be submitted annually to the state.

Each meeting Tuesday also included an update from the superintendent on the school system's plans for the approaching Hurricane Sally weather. Moseley said he would keep the board updated as things changed.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's comments are best delivered using your biggest Southern drawl, lol!

Cuzin Lou Lou was sure happy to see the Pea River head back down last Friday after a few days of rising.

Lou Lou spent many hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of last week keeping an eye on the river and what she was doing. Admittedly, Lou Lou got nervous early Wednesday as those heavy rains from Hurricane Sally just kept pounding the local area, but in the end, the slow-moving storm got out of the area just in the nick of time!

While anywhere from 8-12 inches of rain for the area is enough to officially call it a gully-washer, the good news was that high amount of rain was actually less than the weather folks said it could have been. That in itself was a saving grace!

By Thursday, Lou Lou was telling Sister that she felt it was going to be okay this time, and we would escape with no major issues. Sister quickly reminded Lou Lou that she was no meteorologist and said she would not believe Lou Lou until those guys and gals agreed... well, Friday morning came and Lou Lou enjoyed waking Sister with the news that it appeared the river had crested at a lower level than predicted.

The response... "Oh good [insert Sister's infamous eyeroll]! Now you will think you are some kind of expert."

No, of course not. Cuzin Lou Lou was just relieved that the Good Lord protected the area from another flood, and she made sure to thank him.

She also will never criticize those who 'move out' when the waters rise. There have been too many of those mean 'ole floods since 1990 to take any chances. Today or tomorrow, if the river is rising and a friend wants to move out, Cuzin Lou Lou is always willing to help.

We can be thankful after the fact, either way! Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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Do not attend a funeral if the service location is simply geographically, logistically, or feasibly impossible to get to. Consider sending a meaningful floral offering, note, or letter that expresses your sympathy and desire to be there in person.

Do not attend a funeral if you feel as though the situation might be too emotionally challenging for you. Everyone goes through difficult times and funerals can take an emotional toll on individuals. Waiting to express your sympathies when it is a better time for you is acceptable. Sending a letter to friends or family members of the deceased is a lasting and memorable gesture.

The important thing to remember is that friends and families appreciate just about any effort made to celebrate and remember their loved one, be it a phone call, letter, or other act of sympathy.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayeshf@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayeshf@hayesfuneralhome.net)

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Case No: PC-2020-050

#### NOTICE

To: JONATHON BOUTWELL

You are hereby given notice that a petition to probate a certain instrument, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Peggy J. Boutwell, has been filed by Jeffrey Boutwell and Dixie Boutwell. The 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. has been appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

DONE this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.  
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
9/10,17&24-pd.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
ENTERPRISE DIVISION

ABRIL HERNANDEZ, PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
JONTE LEVONNE GARCIA, DEFENDANT.

Case No: DR-2019-900051

Notice of Publication  
To: JONTE LEVONNE GARCIA you are being served by publication in a divorce matter wherein the plaintiff is seeking a divorce and other relief including child custody and YOU must answer within thirty (30) days after the date of last publication which will occur at the conclusion of four consecutive weeks on Nov. 1, 2020. If you fail to answer within thirty days of the last date of publication then a DEFAULT JUDGMENT can be taken against

you which will mean the relief asked for by the plaintiff will be granted.  
9/10,17,24&10/1-chg.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
ELBA DIVISION

APRIL HEAP,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

WILLIAM HEAP,

DEFENDANT.

Case No: DR-2020-900017

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: WILLIAM HEAP.

You are hereby notified that a Complaint for Divorce has been filed in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, (Elba Division) against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (30) days of the last publication, which will be the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you.

This the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

/s/ Amy Reeves  
Amy Reeves, Circuit Clerk  
Coffee County, Alabama  
9/24, 10/1,8&15-chg.

**IN THE MATTER OF MARGARET JESTA SKRZYPIEC,**  
Deceased.  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
ELBA DIVISION

Case No. PC2020-055

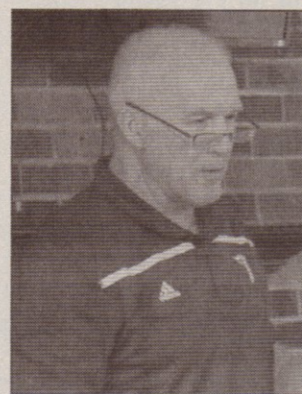
**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**  
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned

### LEGAL NOTICE

**I, Gustavo R. Paz Rojo, d/b/a Monterrey's Café & Grille, LLC,** have made application of the City of Elba for a **Restaurant Retail Liquor License on premises consumption** at this location, **522 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, AL.** A public hearing will be held by the Elba City Council in the council chambers at Elba City Hall on Monday, October 12, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

9/24, 10/1&amp;8-chg.

## Former Elba Tiger Gary Bradshaw spoke last Friday, Sept. 18, to Elba Quarterback Club members at lunch meeting



Gary Bradshaw

encouraging unity among all the players to make the team stronger.

"Unity creates relationships and friendships," he said. "I am so grateful for the coaches and community I had growing up. There is nothing like Elba."

Bradshaw said it was his senior year when Andalusia

came to Elba with a 58-game winning streak. Before the game, he said Coach Mack Wood wanted to focus on the fact that Andalusia would only have 11 players on the field at any given point, just like Elba.

"Elba beat Andalusia that night," Bradshaw said. "After the game, Coach Wood spoke about unity and how it held up for us that night on the field."

In closing, Bradshaw wished the team good luck tonight and encouraged them to play with unity.

Coach Marc Sieving thanked Bradshaw for speaking to the meeting's group, and he said it felt good to get the win Sept. 11th over Zion Chapel.

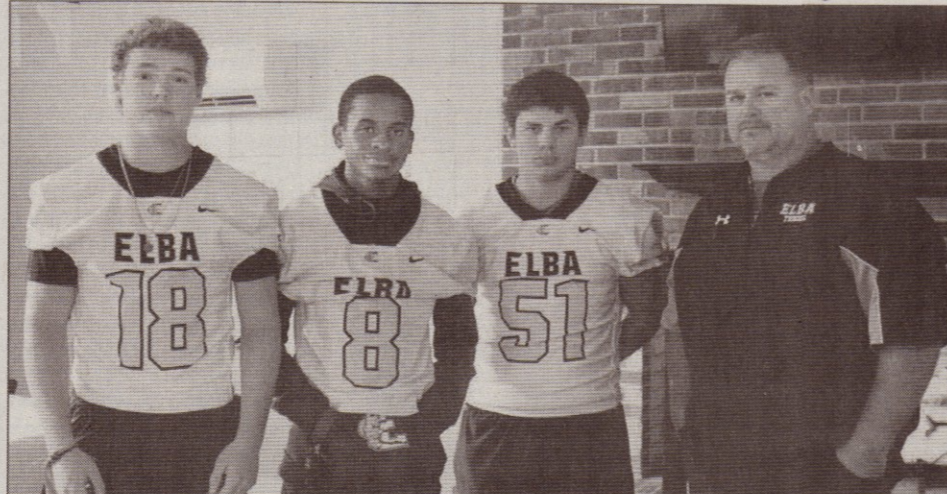
"The biggest take away from that game was we are

now 1-1 in the region," Sieving said. "We took care of business offensively, but our defense is still not where we want it to be on the season."

Sieving said the defense had been giving up too many rushing yards, not a lot of points but too many yards.

"We've challenged our players this week to be better," the coach said. "We don't want to be the same team each week. We want to take steps and keep improving."

Sieving added that he was super proud of his players and coaches last week as many of them were out in the Elba community helping citizens move and do other things in preparation of a possible flood as the Pea River was rising.



**"Players of the Week"** recognized by Elba Coach Marc Sieving(right) for their exceptional play Friday night, Sept. 11, against Zion Chapel included Paxton Wise (18), Trent Hamilton (8), and Eliandro Gomez (51). Wise continued to be a dominant force in the Tigers defense creating turnovers, including a big interception against Zion Chapel; Hamilton made his first varsity receiving touchdown on offense; and Gomez (51) was a backup player asked to step up into some new spots due to injuries to others - Sieving said he played an impressive game that earned him lots of praise from his coaches.

## LIFESTYLES



Lindsey Brown, bride-elect of Hayes Spicer, was honored with a bridal shower Sunday, Sept. 20, in Elba, at the home of Mrs. Sally Bane. Those pictured above include (from left) Ann Spicer and Becky Hayes, grandmothers of the groom; Ceina Spicer, mother of the groom; Lindsey Brown, honoree; Deyon Brown, mother of the bride; and Sally Bane, hostess, with her daughter, Bella.

## Bridal shower honors Miss Lindsey Brown

Lindsey Brown, bride-elect of Hayes Spicer, was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Sally Bane on the afternoon of Sunday, September 20, 2020.

Miss Brown is the daughter of Elba natives Dr. and Mrs. Keith Brown, currently of Gulf Shores. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Spicer of Elba.

The party's fall floral motif began at the front door, which was hung with a floral wreath and banked with large pots of chrysanthemums. Miss Bella Bane joined her mother in greeting the guests as they arrived and were introduced to the honoree and family members. Family members of the couple joining the bride-elect in receiving guests were her mother, Mrs. Deyon Brown; the groom's mother, Mrs. Ceina

Spicer; and his grandmothers, Mrs. Becky Hayes and Mrs. Ann Spicer.

Joining Mrs. Bane in hosting the party were Mrs. Doris Matthews, Mrs. Deidra Laird, Mrs. Myrna Cotton, Mrs. Linda Mills, Mrs. Lynn Corder, Mrs. Charlotte Goodson, Mrs. Vicki Bailey, Mrs. Elaine Martin, Mrs. Gloria Stewart, Mrs. Debbie Curran, Mrs. Michele Gerlach, Mrs. Karen Snyder, Mrs. Sara Strong, Mrs. Valerie Moore, Mrs. Kaye Whitworth, Mrs. Denise Sauls, Mrs. Kayron Shehee, Mrs. Kerrie Johnson, Mrs. Melinda Vaughan, Mrs. Jane Brunson, Mrs. Starla Amison, Mrs. Janice Strickland, Mrs. Jenny Allen, Mrs. Betsy Martin, Mrs. Angela Morrow, Mrs. Henrietta Grimes, Mrs. Millie McCollough, and Mrs. Velma Moore.

## Jack Day Festival set for Saturday, Sept. 26, to include art &amp; crafts booths and car show

The annual Jack Day Festival, sponsored by Altrusa International of Jack, Alabama, will be Saturday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the campus of Zion Chapel Schools.

The year's festival will consist of a car show and LOCAL craft vendors ONLY.

Vendors that are selling food and/or drink items, but must comply with the health guideline. The sale and distribution of any food or

drink items must be approved by Altrusa of International Jack, AL prior to the day of the festival.

General booth rental fee for vendors will be \$25. For more information, contact Kayla Deal at (334) 282-2516 (kayladeal82@gmail.com).

The 3rd annual Jack Day Car Show is held in conjunction with the Jack Day Festival and is sponsored by Altrusa of Jack and Enterprise Muffler and Brake.

There is a \$20 car entry fee to show a vehicle.

There will be prizes for Top 25 and Best in Show. A t-shirt will be given to the first 25 to register for the car show.

For more information on the car show, contact Jerry Senn at (334) 464-0030 or Jennifer Gatlin at (334) 372-5817.

All proceeds from Jack Day will be used to benefit Zion Chapel Schools and the Jack community.

## Mountain Tales Film Festival to be held virtually Oct. 3rd and 4th

The Coffee County Arts Alliance partners with 321 Productions to bring the Mountain Tales Film Festival to Piney Woods each year.

The films screened at the 2019 Mountain Tales Film Festival during the Piney Woods weekend were amazing, and event organizers said they look forward to another live film festival during Piney Woods in April of 2021.

This year, however, the film festival is being delivered virtually on Oct. 3rd and Oct. 4th.

The Mountain Tales Film Festival will stream 19 short films, the reading of five screenplays, and will have live discussion panels with film industry professionals. The films are selected from national and international submissions. Details are on the website: [www.mountaintalesfilmfestival.com](http://www.mountaintalesfilmfestival.com).

To access to the film festival, participants must have a ticket [ticket price is a donation], and access to the festival available after buying a ticket at: <http://mountaintalesfilmfestival.festivee.com>

For more information, contact Java Moody: [j a v a @ 3 2 1 - p r o d u c t i o n s . c o m](mailto:j a v a @ 3 2 1 - p r o d u c t i o n s . c o m) (334.389.3319) or Paige McCay: [paige@321-productions.com](mailto:paige@321-productions.com) (205.572.0414).

Lifestyles  
News is Due  
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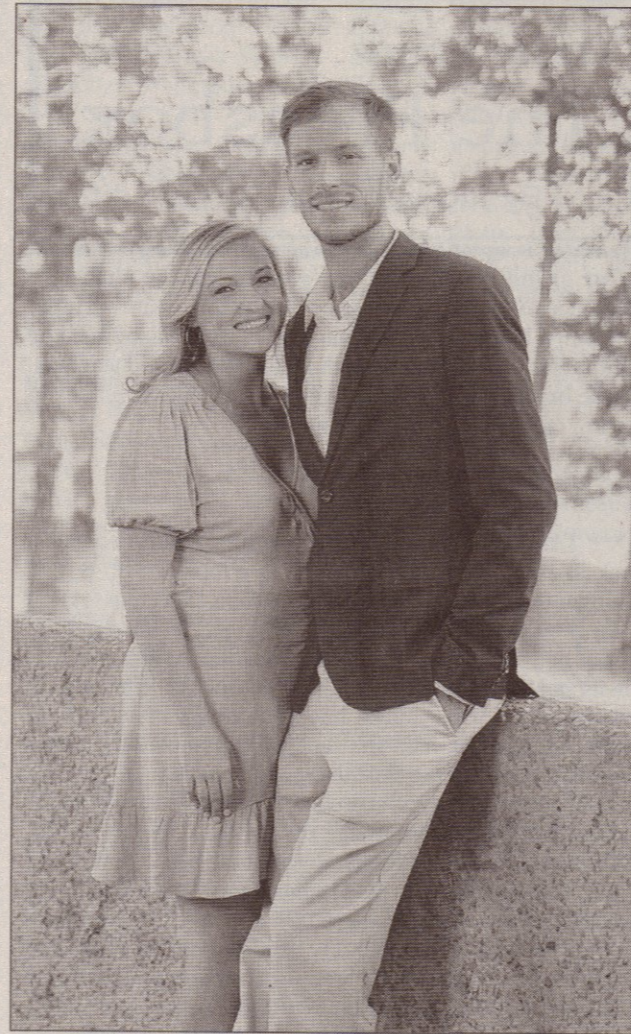
## Elba Public Library and Elba Senior Center staffs assist with filling out the 2020 Census

The Elba Public Library is open by appointment only. Items being returned should still be placed in drop box located out in front of the library building.

There is a 30-minute time limit being exercised. Call 334-897-6921 for availability.

Temporary library hours are Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The Library also assists citizens Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2



Miss Cammie McCollough and Mr. Nick Shelley  
McCollough-Shelley engagement announced for December nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Rhett McCollough of Elba announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Cammie Athelle, to Nick Shelley, son of Chad and Susan Shelley of Eufaula, Alabama.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Charles and Freddie Pearce and Pam and the late Earl McCollough, all of Elba, Alabama. Cammie is a 2016 graduate of Elba High School. She received her Associates degrees in science and nursing from Wallace Community College in 2018. She will complete her Bachelor of Science nursing degree from the University of Alabama in December of 2020. She is employed as a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital in Phenix City, Alabama.

The future groom is the grandson of Dennis and Rhonda Shelley and Thomas and Donna Williams, all of Eufaula, Alabama. Nick is a 2014 graduate of Eufaula High School, and he attended Wallace Community College where he was a member of the Governors baseball team. He received a Bachelor's degree in social science from Troy University in 2018. He is employed by Mead in Cottonwood, Alabama.

The wedding will be Saturday, December 12, 2020, at 5 o'clock in the evening at First United Methodist Church in Elba, Alabama. A reception will follow at Gilded Oaks.

All friends and family are invited.

## Last day to apply for absentee ballots for Elba's Mayoral Runoff Election is Oct. 1st

The Elba Mayoral Runoff Election will be Tuesday, Oct. 6, between Tim Johnson and Tom Maddox.

The Run-Off Election will be held at the Elba Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Any registered voter in Elba wanting to vote absentee may pick up an application at Elba City Hall. The last day to apply for a regular Absentee Ballot is Oct. 1, 2020.

If a voter applied to vote absentee in the August 25,

2020 election and did not check the box for Run-Off, he/she must apply again. A ballot will not be automatically sent.

All applications must be returned by the voter or mailed to City Hall at 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323 [attention Election Manager]. Once the application is received a ballot will be mailed and must be delivered in person by the voter to the Election Manager, mailed by U S Postal Service, or mailed by commercial carrier. All ballots must be received in person no later than 5 p.m. the day prior to the Election (Oct. 5th); or if mailed must be received by 12 noon the day of the election.

## Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama is seeking public input

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama is seeking public input for the preparation of its CARES CSBG grant application. The grant, application may be viewed in person adhering the CDC Guidelines or a copy may be emailed upon request to [machis@centurytel.net](mailto:machis@centurytel.net)

Tribal citizens must live in Coffee, Crenshaw, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Houston, Henry, Pike, Bullock, and Montgomery counties. The grant covers applicable charges from Oct. 1, 2020, through March 15, 2021. The application is tentatively set for October, and applicants are required to meet the 200 Percent of

HHS Poverty Guidelines. The grant will address the needs of the eligible citizens with minor home repairs, food, rental/ mortgage, assistance Those wishing to submit public comments should email [machis@centurytel.net](mailto:machis@centurytel.net) or call 334-897-3207. Deadline for public comment is September 29, 2020.

VA Claims  
assist office to  
reopen in New  
Brockton:

The DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton Ala., will reopen its VA claim assistance office located in the New Brockton Town Hall on September 29, 2020.

The office will be staffed on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am through 11:00 am. Anyone in need of assistance with a VA Claim is welcome to seek assistance

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Our grandson Lawson was glad* he got the chance to sleep in a couple of days last week due to a visit by Hurricane Sally, but at the same time was a little disappointed he couldn't go to school to be with all his friends and teachers. Maybe one day soon everything will settle down and even fourth graders can get back in a routine.

For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The Elba Tigers totally dominated Cottonwood* last week in every aspect of the game in a lopsided 56-6 road win over the Bears. The Tigers scored on every possession in the first half to build a 48-0 lead, and at the time the Tigers had 48 points the Bears had recorded zero first downs and had three yards in total offense. The Elba offense had a number of big plays, but was satisfied to grind out tough yardage between the tackles and showed it could drive the ball down the field and not just have to rely on big plays to put points on the scoreboard. The defense was dominant at the line of scrimmage for the first time in weeks, and while I know the opponent wasn't the best, the defense played with the desire to be dominant and totally shut down the Cottonwood running game. It is always good to get a win on the road, especially a region win on the road, and last week the Tigers took a step forward and pumped new life back into the Elba faithful with some very tough games ahead on the schedule.

\*\*\* *It wasn't the best of weeks* for the teams in the area as the Brantley Bulldogs were the only team to post a win, while New Brockton was pounded on the road in Wicksburg. Kinston dropped a hard fought four-quarter battle at Georgiana and Zion Chapel dropped a hard fought region clash to Houston County. Here's a quick look back at area action:

\*\* *Brantley barely worked up a sweat* in an easy 54-0 region romp past Pleasant Home. The top-ranked Bulldogs scored almost at will either on the ground or in the air, and limited the Eagles to minus yards in total offense in the Saturday morning matinee. The Bulldogs are now averaging over 54 points a game and have allowed a total of two points in their early-season winning streak, and are no doubt the class of Class 1A.

\*\* *New Brockton had high hopes* of a big region win after sailing past Daleville, but never got to crow as the Gamecocks were blasted 47-0 by Wicksburg. The Gamecocks may not have been as good as many of their fans thought after the big win over Daleville, but are no way as bad as the same fans think after the big loss last week. The Gamecocks now know what it will take to be a contender in the 3A ranks and will get back to work to improve in all areas.

\*\* *Kinston carried a lead into the fourth quarter*, but watched as Georgiana rallied late to hand the Bulldogs a tough road loss in a key region contest. The Bulldogs bullied Georgiana on the ground and for the second straight year appeared ready to pull off an upset on the road, only to see the win slip away late. Kinston needs to use the positives shown in the loss to get even better for the remaining games and show that 'Bulldog pride' that can and will make a difference.

\*\* *Zion Chapel dropped a disappointing* 16-6 region decision to previously winless Houston County in a Saturday afternoon contest. The Rebels had high hopes of claiming their first win against the Lions, but never got on track on offense and remained winless at the midway point in the season, with a number of tough region opponents yet to play.

\*\*\* *It was an interesting week for many teams* in the area and as always the week included a number of surprises. Here's a quick look back at the week that was.... \* Geneva County defeated Abbeville 42-30 in a battle of unbeaten despite Bulldog standout running back Emmanuel Henderson being held to only 44 yards in 11 carries \* Carroll defeated Headland 46-20 to improve to 2-1 in region play after being outscored 110-14 in its two season opening losses \* Central, of Phenix City, rushed for over 400 yards in a big 45-28 region win over previously undefeated Enterprise, which scored with 27-seconds in the game to make the score seem closer than it actually was \* Slocomb walloped Houston Academy 48-0 to remain the biggest surprise of the season and possibly the team to beat in the region \* Opp strolled past winless Daleville 54-6 to improve to 4-1 on the season in a game when the pass-happy Bobcats put the ball in the air only a dozen times \* Geneva defeated winless Ashford 41-8 to improve to 2-1 in the region as the Panthers continued to improve after suffering a big season opening loss to Opp \* Reeltown rolled over Goshen 34-13 as the Eagles

remained winless in their initial season in Class 3A \* Eufaula bounced back after two straight losses with a 32-7 win over Park Crossing to push its record to 3-2 in the rough world on 6A football \* Andalusia coasted past winless Charles Henderson 45-12 to get a much needed win after dropping three of its first four games \* Trinity blanked Pike County 26-0 to drop the Bulldogs to 2-1 in the region after a slow start to the season due to forfeits \* McKenzie got past Samson 28-14 to drop the Tigers to 1-2 in region play in a game that saw all the points scored in the second half \* G.W. Long pounded Arifton 52-6 to prove it is the team to beat in the region race, while the Purple Cats lost for the second straight week and fell to 1-2 in the region standings \* Prattville spanked winless Dothan 35-0 to keep the Tigers winless in their first season in the 7A ranks.

\*\*\* *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped* by a little earlier than usual over the weekend and stated that the person who predicted the river crest at Elba was even worse than many of the folks in the area that like to predict high school football games. The local guesspert struggled a bit last week as he hit only \*\* of his \*\* picks, but he is still having a banner season and left this week's fearless forecast. Here goes....

#### ELBA VS. PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN

The Pea River felines have surprised a lot of folks with four wins in their first five games, but this week will begin a stretch of tough games for the felines as a flock of birds is expected to roost down along the fence at Tiger Stadium late Friday afternoon. The birds have struggled to grow their wings this season and don't have a very good record, but will be looking to fly high this weekend and will be a tough bird for the felines to catch. In a battle....

#### ELBA 26 PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN 24

#### ZION CHAPEL VS. SAMSON

The troops from up at Fort Jack have a march planned for Friday afternoon near the county line and hope to pitch their tents along the river after a big victory. The kitties that hang out near the battle grounds have lost some fur in recent weeks, but the guess here is that it will be a long march back home for the troops.

#### SAMSON 21 ZION CHAPEL 14

#### BRANTLEY VS. HIGHLAND HOME

The bulldogs from up above the creek will make the short walk up near the north county airport and after making it look easy week in and week out may have their hands full with the flyboys. The 'dogs are for real and will be hard to beat, no matter the opponent, and will show once again this week just how good they really are.

#### BRANTLEY 34 HIGHLAND HOME 14

#### NEW BROCKTON VS. W.S. NEAL

The roosters from over near the bypass lost more than just a few feathers last week while on a visit to Wicksburg, but will be back in the hole this week in Enterprise and will be looking to strut and do some crowing to wake up the home folks. This one may be a lot harder than many folks think; however, and the guess here is that the funny colored birds from the woods may just escape with a win.

#### W.S. NEAL 30 NEW BROCKTON 28

#### OTHER PICKS:

Floral 50 Houston Academy 12  
McKenzie 34 J.F. Shields 8  
Orange Beach 22 Red Level 20  
Northside Methodist 41 Cottonwood 22  
Geneva County 28 Geneva 27  
Luverne 29 Goshen 16  
G.W. Long 56 Daleville 6  
Slocumb 34 Arifton 21  
Wicksburg 21 Rehobeth 13  
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Pike Road 45 Tallassee 14  
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Eufaula 31 Stanhope Elmore 17  
Central PC 42 Opelika 28  
Dothan 28 Cairo 27  
Hoover 38 Prattville 28  
Enterprise 45 Carroll 20

### Tigers host Providence Christian in non-region clash

The Elba Tigers will return home Friday night for a non-region clash against the Providence Christian Eagles.

The meeting will be the first ever between the two perennial Wiregrass powers, with the Tigers bringing a 4-1 record into the clash, and the 3A Eagles coming in with a surprising 1-3 slate.

"Providence Christian is much better than its record indicates," said Elba head coach Marc Sieving, "and will come over here Friday night a well-coached and well-prepared team. They had a few problems off the field that set them back, but they are now fit and ready to go, and we know we will have our hands full on Friday night."

Providence Christian, which is coming off an open date, has posted a 22-4 record the past two seasons with two deep runs in the playoffs, but this season has posted a 71-35 win over Northside Methodist, with losses to Rehobeth 18-0, Wicksburg 28-14 and Slocomb 44-14.

"Providence is a run oriented team that runs out of the single wing and is happy with ten and fifteen

play drives that take eight minutes to produce points," added Sieving. "They have a big line that can wear you down and is very well coached in the basics of the single win. Providence will throw the ball at times to keep a defense honest, but prefers to run the football and eat up clock."

"If we are going to have a shot at winning this week we will have to play our best on both sides of the ball for all four quarters and be physical at the line of scrimmage," added Sieving. "We will need to put points on the scoreboard when we get the chance and not turn the ball over. I thought we make some improvements last week fundamentally and we will need to continue to improve this week against a quality opponent."

"This week starts a run of four straight really good opponents and we need to make sure we get off to a good start," stated Sieving. "We all have the same goals we had when the season started and now is the time to buckle down and play our best football."

When asked about last week's 56-6 region win over Cottonwood, Coach Sieving said, "It was a good

win on the road and I thought everyone handled the short week of practice really well and came out and played well for all four quarters. The offense took charge early and put some points on the scoreboard and the defense came to play and was physical at the line of scrimmage. We were

better fundamentally on both sides of the ball and did what we needed to do to be successful. I realize the opponent wasn't quite as strong as some others on the schedule, but Cottonwood did show up to play and Friday night we were obviously the better team on the field."

### Non-region games don't mean easy wins for area teams...

Teams in the area will get to take a break from the region wars this week as they compete against non-region foes after a week that saw many games delayed due to the effects of Hurricane Sally.

Following is a preview of this week's games:

#### W.S. Neal at New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to bounce back after an embarrassing region loss at Wicksburg on Friday night when they host the W.S. Neal Blue Eagles, at Bates Memorial Stadium, in Enterprise.

New Brockton leads the series 4-2, with W.S. Neal winning the last match-up

32-6 way back in 1993.

The Gamecocks are coming off a shocking 47-0 road loss to region foe Wicksburg, while the (1-3) Blue Eagles, which have struggled to a 3-15 record the past two seasons, have posted a 38-14 win over Excel, while losing to Vigor 21-2, Mobile Christian 38-9 and Williamson 63-0.

#### Zion Chapel at Samson

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be on the road Friday night for a non-region clash against the Samson Tigers.

Samson owns a 13-4 series edge and has won seven straight games in the series, including a 35-19 win a year ago.

The Rebels are looking for win #1 after a slow start to the season, while the Tigers, which have posted three straight 4-win seasons, will bring a 2-2 slate into the match-up with wins over Cottonwood 28-27 and Pleasant Home 12-7, and losses to Floral 44-0 and McKenzie 35-21.

#### Brantley at Highland Home

The Brantley Bulldogs will head up to the north end of the county on Friday night for a non-region clash with the Highland Home Flying Squadron.

Brantley leads the long-time series 53-22 and has won six straight games, including a 49-14 win back in 2015.

The top-ranked Bulldogs boast one of the state's highest scoring offenses this season scoring at a clip of over 54 points per game, as well as one of the state's stingiest defenses that has yet to be scored upon. The Flying Squadron, which was forced to forfeit six games last year that erased a possible 10-0 record, will bring an 3-2 record into the contest, with wins over Calhoun 1-0 (forfeit), Central Coosa 42-0, and Luverne 27-0, and losses to Maplesville 28-0 and Alabama Christian 49-28.

#### Coffee County Lake

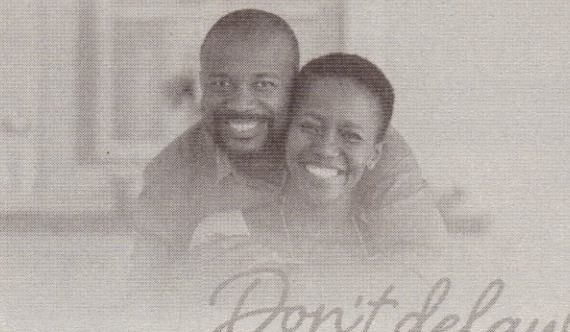
### FISHING SPOTLIGHT



**A GOOD WEEK AT THE LAKE....** The fish were biting last week at the Coffee County Lake as anglers caught over 62 pounds of catfish and lots of bream both off the pier and on boats. Pictured above (left) is **Robert Fleming** holding a 10-pound catfish he caught while fishing off the main pier at the lake, while (right) is **Caleb Stanley** holding an 8 1/2 pound bass he landed while in a boat. The lake, located six miles from Elba on County Road 364, is open Wednesday through Sunday from sun'up until sundown, with extended hours on weekends. For more information on lake regulations call 334-447-2384.

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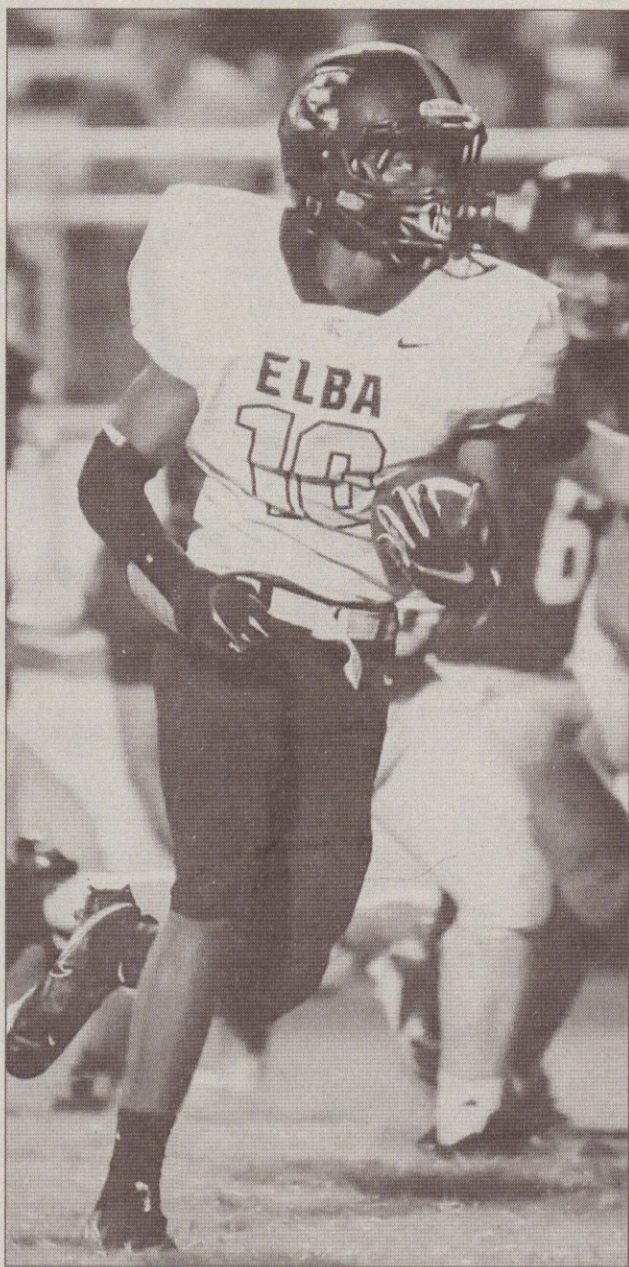
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## SPORTS NEWS

## Elba Tigers chop down Cottonwood 56-6



Elba Tiger JT Coleman (10) eyes running room in last week's 56-6 region win over Cottonwood. Coleman rushed for 69 yards and two touchdowns on just two carries in the big road win.



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (6) heads upfield on a 57-yard kickoff return in second half action in last week's 56-6 region win over Cottonwood.



Elba Tiger Jacquez Prince (7) looks for an opening. Prince rushed for 30 yards and one touchdown and passed for 51 yards and one score in last week's big region win.

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers scored on all seven first half possessions to open up a big 48-0 halftime lead and then turned matters over to the reserves in a lopsided 56-6 region win over the winless Cottonwood Bears, Friday night at Cottonwood.

Elba received the opening kickoff and went 56 yards in five plays to get on the scoreboard. Collin Harrison rushed for 51 yards on four carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 10-yard scamper, and Harrison also ran in the two-point conversion as Elba moved on top 8-0 with 9:54 remaining in the first quarter.

Elba began its ensuing possession at its own 34-yardline and this time needed only one play to reach the endzone as on first down Chrystyle Caldwell took an inside handoff, broke through a traffic jam at the line of scrimmage and raced 66 yards for a score. Jacquez Prince tacked on the two-point run and with 6:56 left in the quarter the Tigers lead was up to 16-0.

Elba regained possession at its own 46-yardline after a Bears punt and went 54 yards in five plays to add to its lead. J.T. Coleman scored the Tiger touchdown on a 37-yard dash, and while the extra-point try failed, Elba's lead was 22-0 with 2:00 remaining in the quarter.

Elba quickly got the ball back on a fumble recovery by Collin Sauls at the Cottonwood 33-yardline, and from there it took the Tigers three plays to add to their lead. Jacquez Prince rushed for 21 yards on two carries and scored on a 2-yard run up the middle, and Prince also kicked the extra-point as Elba's lead grew to 29-0 with 35-seconds still left in the first quarter.

Elba began its next offensive series near midfield and again needed only one play to get back into the endzone as on first down Jacquez Prince lofted a pass to Peyton McCart, who pulled in the pass and outfought a Bears defender to complete the 51-yard touchdown toss. A bad snap foiled the extra-point attempt, but the Tigers were in command with a 35-0 lead with 10:03 left in the second quarter.

Elba put the ball in play at the Cottonwood 41-yardline after a Bears punt and four plays later was right back in the endzone. Collin Harrison rushed for 35 yards on four carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 1-yard run, and Iverson Lane added the extra-point as Elba's lead went to 42-0 with 4:48 left in the quarter.

Elba began its final possession of the half at the Cottonwood 41-yardline after another Bears punt and covered the distance in two plays to reach the endzone. Collin Harrison rushed for all 41 yards on two carries and scored on a 1-yard run, and while the extra-point try failed, with 56-seconds left in the half the Tigers were in complete command with a 48-0 lead.

Cottonwood received the second half kickoff and promptly marched 90 yards in nine plays to get on the scoreboard. Mekhi Anglin rushed for 47 yards on five



Elba Tiger Chrystyle Caldwell (44) is off and running on a 66-yard touchdown dash in last week's 56-6 region win over Cottonwood. The Tigers will host Providence Christian Friday night in a non-region contest.

carries and scored the Bears touchdown on a 4-yard dash, but Elba blocked the extra-point attempt as the Tigers lead stood at 48-6 with 4:22 left in the third quarter.

Elba began its ensuing possession at the Cottonwood 32-yardline after a 57-yard kickoff return by Alvin Henderson, and on the first play of the series J.T. Coleman broke loose on a 32-yard scoring scamper to put the Tigers back in the endzone. Brayden Johnson ran in the two-point conversion and with 48-seconds left in the quarter the Tigers owned a 56-6 lead.

Elba lost a fumble on its final possession of the game, its only possession that didn't produce points, and at the final horn the Tigers left the field with the impressive 56-6 region win.

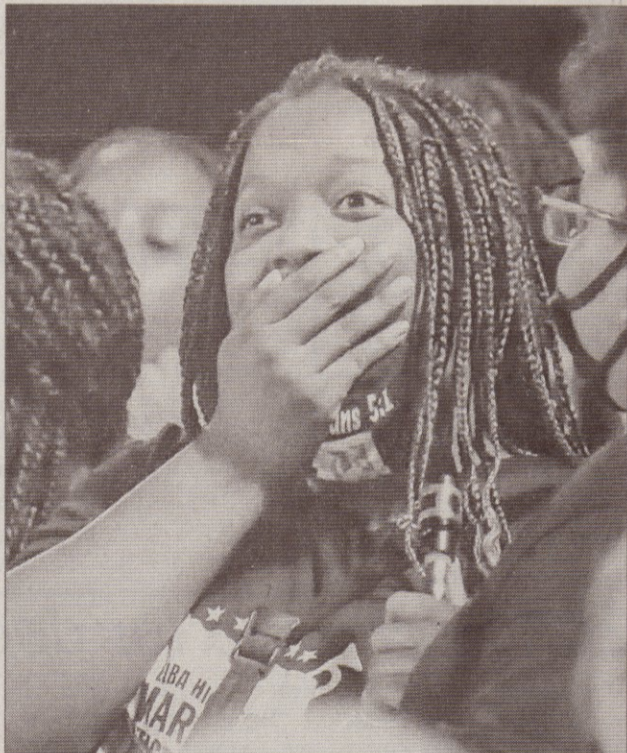
Collin Harrison rushed for 136 yards and 3 touchdowns on 13 carries to lead the Elba offense, while Chrystyle Caldwell added 79 yards and 1 td on just one carry, J.T. Coleman added 69 yards and 2 scores on two carries, Jacquez Prince added 30 yards and 1 td on three carries, and Alvin Henderson added 21 yards on three carries. Jacquez Prince completed 1 of 4 passes for 51 yards and one score, with Peyton McCart pulling in a 51-yard scoring pass.

Mekhi Anglin rushed for 75 yards on 13 carries and scored one touchdown to lead the Bears, while Austin McCordle completed 3 of 4 passes for 26 yards and Dylan McCordle completed one pass for 31 yards.

This week the Tigers will host the Providence Christian Eagles on Friday night at Tiger Stadium in the first-ever meeting of the two Wiregrass powers.

### The yardstick....

E		C
12	1 <sup>st</sup> Downs	9
24-341	Rush-Yds.	33-95
51	Passing Yds.	57
392	Total Offense	152
1-4-0	Passes	4-6-0
1/1	Fumbles/Lost	5/1
0-00	Punts-Ave.	3-31
4-35	Pen.-Yds.	3-15



WOW....WE SCORED AGAIN! An Elba Marching Tiger band member couldn't believe the Tigers as they rolled to a 48-0 halftime lead last week against Cottonwood.



Elba Tiger Paxton Wise (18) and a Tiger teammate combine to tackle a Cottonwood runner for a short gain in last week's 56-6 region win. The win upped the Tigers record to 2-1 at the midway point of the regular season as they chase a playoff berth.

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SPORTS NEWS



Zion Chapel Rebel Brockston Bragg (18) heads around the corner for a big gain in last week's region battle with Houston County. Bragg rushed for 73 yards on 15 carries to lead the rebel offense in the 16-6 loss.

Rebels clawed by Lions 16-6

Statistics and photos by  
Joey and Catrina Arnold

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters Saturday afternoon in a region battle against the Houston County Lions, but managed to find their way into the endzone only once as they suffered a 16-6 loss.

The Lions scored first in the rare Saturday matinee when Kenderek Barber scored on a 6-yard run, and the extra-point try was successful to put Houston County on top 7-0 with 3:34 remaining in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel's Zay Adair scored on a 16-yard scamper with 1:28 left in the

third quarter, but the extra-point try failed, as the Lions remained on top 7-6. Barber broke loose again for Houston County early in the fourth quarter on a 16-yard scoring dash and the Lions added the extra-point to stretch their lead to 14-6 with

11:39 remaining in the game, and the Lions added a late safety as they left the field with the 16-6 region win.

Brockston Bragg rushed for 73 yards on 15 carries to lead the rebel offense, and on defense recorded a sack for a 12-yard loss.

The yardstick....

ZC		HC
8	1st Downs	10
29-99	Rushes-Yds.	35-123
82	Passing Yds	.51
181	Total Offense	174
9-13-0	Passes	2-2-0
3-23	Punts-Ave.	0-00
2/1	Fumbles/Lost	1/0
7-67	Penalties-Yds.	11-109

Zones change for deer hunters

Deer hunters will find two new zones in the 2020-2021 Alabama Deer Zones map with season dates that better coincide with deer rutting activity in those areas.

Chuck Sykes, Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Director, said studies have confirmed that deer in Zone D in northwest Alabama and Zone E in southeast Alabama rut significantly earlier than

deer in most of the state. "We have been conducting annual herd health checks for the past 15 years. Part of the data gathered was the reproductive status of the animal. That data is what helped us move the season into February. We also determined we had deer that rutted early," Sykes said. "We already knew this from historical stocking data, but it took us a little more time to deter-

mine some clear-cut boundaries that would take in those areas.

"It was pretty easy to set up Zone A and Zone B. We basically just divided the state. But D and E are isolated pockets with early rutting deer, so it took a little more time to get those boundaries defined. Once we got the boundaries defined, it was a logical step to make those new zones."

Sykes said in the majority of the state the deer rut considerably later, and it was reasonable to move the season dates to close on February 10. The seasons in Zone D and Zone E start early and end early.

"Because of the early rut in Zone E, some of those deer were already casting (shedding) their antlers," he said. "So, people who were trying to fill their freezers later in the year ended up shooting 2- and 3-year-old bucks that had cast their antlers, thinking they were just shooting a big, old doe. The season comes in early to cover the rut, but it also goes out early to try to protect those bucks that had already shed."

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Kinston Bulldogs fall in region clash against Georgiana Panthers 36-26

Statistics by Dickey Adcock

The Kinston Bulldogs put up a fight for all four quarters Friday night in a disappointing 36-26 region loss to the Georgiana Panthers, in Georgiana.

Kinston the opening kickoff and marched 65 yards in seven running plays to get on the scoreboard. Addison Hudson rushed for 58 yards on six carries and scored the Bulldog touchdown on a 3-yard blast off tackle, and John Free kicked the extra-point as Kinston grabbed a 7-0 lead with 8:14 left in the first quarter.

Kinston failed to cash in a fumble recovery by the Bulldogs Dylan Davis on the ensuing kickoff, but the Bulldogs regained possession at the Georgiana 40-yardline after a short Panther punt late in the quarter and covered the distance to the endzone in seven running plays to extend their lead.

Konner Walker rushed for 20 yards on two carries to help lead the Bulldogs down the field, while Addison Hudson capped the drive with a 4-yard scoring run, and Free added the extra-point as Kinston's lead grew to 14-0 with 10:42 remaining in the second quarter.

Georgiana failed to move the chains on its first two possessions, but recovered a fumble at its own 43-yardline midway through the quarter and came to life as the Panthers went 57 yards in only three plays to get on the scoreboard. Azenda Pennington scored on a 2-yard run to cap the quick scoring drive, and when a two-point pass missed its target, the Bulldogs lead stood at 14-6 with 6:43 left in the quarter.

Kinston failed to cash in a scoring opportunity on its ensuing possession after reaching a first down at the Georgiana 17-yardline, but the defensive stop pumped life back into the Panthers as they went 58 yards in just two plays to get back into the endzone. Bryant Mitchell scored the Panther touchdown on a 1-yard sneak, and while a two-point run failed to produce points, Georgiana was within 14-12 with 2:56 remaining in the half.

Kinston lost a fumble on its initial possession of the third quarter, but got the ball right back on a pass interception by Konner Walker, and this time went 31 yards in five plays to add to its lead.

Addison Hudson rushed for 25 yards on four carries during the short scoring march and scored the Bulldog touchdown on a 6-yard run, and a run on a two-point conversion fell short, as Kinston's lead went to 20-12 with 6:15 left in the third quarter.

Georgiana began its ensuing possession at its own 40-yardline and the Panthers marched 60 yards in



Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders kept the spirit as the Bulldogs battled in recent action.



Kinston Bulldog band members keep fired up in the bleachers in recent football action.

nine plays to pull even. Davontia Walker rushed for 47 yards on four carries to lead the Panthers down the field, while Bryant Mitchell scored the touchdown on a 3-yard run. Pennington passed to Kaveon Miles for the two-point conversion, and with 1:30 left in the quarter the score was tied at 20-20.

Georgiana began its next possession near midfield after a Kinston punt and promptly went 52 yards in six plays to take its first lead of the game. Azenda Pennington rushed for 40 yards in three carries to spark the scoring drive and scored the touchdown on a 17-yard run, and the speedy Panther back also ran in the two-point conversion as Georgiana moved ahead 28-20 with 10:48 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Kinston put the ball in play at its own 41-yardline following the ensuing kickoff and went 59 yards in six running plays to reach the endzone. Jeb Crosby rushed for 25-yards on two carries to help lead the Bulldogs down the field, while Addison Hudson rushed for 24 yards on three carries and capped the drive with a 17-yard touchdown scamper. It looked like Hudson also

added the two-point conversion to pull Kinston even at 28-28, but after a lengthy discussion the officials took the points off the scoreboard as the Bulldogs were left trailing 28-26 with 8:11 on the clock.

Kinston failed to cash in a fumble recovery by the Bulldogs Blake Senn on the ensuing kickoff when a fourth down pass fell incomplete at the Georgiana 37-yardline, and the Panthers then took control of the game as they went 63 yards in five plays to extend their lead.

The Panther score came on a 23-yard run by Pennington, and the two-point try was again successful as Georgiana moved in front 36-26 with 3:48 remaining on the scoreboard.

Kinston took the ensuing kickoff and headed back down the field behind the running of Addison Hudson and Jeb Crosby, but the drive stalled at the Georgiana 35-yardline, and the Panthers ran out the clock to preserve the 36-26 region win.

Addison Hudson rushed for 256 yards and 4 touchdowns on 39 carries to lead the Kinston offense, while Jeb Crosby added 50 yards rushing on 12 carries.



With three regular season games remaining on their 2020 schedule, the Kinston Termites stayed undefeated last Saturday night, Sept. 19, as the young Bulldogs outscored Red Level 38-22 on a rainy night in Red Level. The Bulldogs travel this Saturday, Sept. 26, to Florala, and then close out their regular youth ball season with two games at home – Oct. 3rd against Highland Home and Oct. 10th against Pleasant Home. The Kinston Tiny Mites team also will be in action for these games – the Tiny Mites lost Saturday night against Red Level but played hard until the final horn of the game. Above left, Kinston's Evan Hilburn (7) is off and running for a touchdown last Saturday night for the Termites in Red Level. Hilburn scored 10 of Kinston's 38 points in the Termites game. Above right, Reid Hawthorne (34) looks for yards in the pouring rain during the Tiny Mites game.

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SPORTS NEWS



Brantley Bulldog Daquan Pittman (5) leaps over a Pleasant Home defender for extra yardage. Pittman rushed for 37 yards and 1 touchdown and caught 4 passes for 87 yards and 1 td in last week's 54-0 region win.

New Brockton JV snap losing streak with 16-0 win over Daleville

By Brandon 'Speedy' White

Those cheers you heard from Warhawk Stadium that echoed all the way to New Brockton High School this past Monday night weren't just cheers because the Gamecocks won a football game. They were cheers that had been building up inside the fans, coaches, school and entire football program for a few years. The JV Gamecocks last won a game on September 5, 2107 against the Kinston Bulldogs. That was a total of 1,105 days without a win!

The Gamecocks got the ball first and looked to be positioning themselves to score when a bad snap couldn't be handled and Daleville recovered it to stop the momentum the Gamecocks had for the moment.

The Warhawks took over on the 26-yardline, but could not do much with it against a stingy New Brockton defense with Logan McCoy making a critical tackle on fourth and six to give the ball back to the Gamecocks. With the Gamecocks taking over at the 48-yardline, they turned to the legs of McCoy, who took the handoff from Hunter White, and McCoy did the rest rumbling 16 yards for the first score of the game. With the successful two-point conversion, the Gamecocks led 8-0 with 7:50 left in the 2nd quarter.

After another fourth attempt by Daleville on its next possession, the Gamecocks defense stood its ground and got another turnover on downs and took over from the 50-yardline.

After a few plays and a running clock, the Gamecocks faced their own fourth down decision, and went for it, getting the first down on a run by Baylon Foster that picked up seven yards on the fourth down and six gamble. On the next play, Foster set the Gamecocks up with a first and goal with a 21-yard quarterback scramble. With 30 seconds left in the half, McCoy found the endzone again from two yards out, and also converted the two-point conversion to put New Brockton up 16-0 going to halftime.

The Daleville Warhawks came out to start the second half with a 10-play drive that once again ended on a fourth down try when McCoy and White stopped the ball carrier at the 31-yard line. As the Gamecocks took the field on offense again, they turned to the legs of McCoy to protect the ball and run the clock with a 16-0 lead as the fourth quarter started. The Gamecocks ran six and a half minutes off the clock before they faced a fourth down and punted the ball back, giving Daleville the ball at the 20-yardline. After four plays for the Warhawks the clock hit 0:00 and the celebration on the Gamecock sideline was full of smiles, high fives and hugs the kids on that sideline had a goal of ending the long losing streak for the JV team.

They learned so much more than just about football that night, they learned that hard work and perseverance will pay off in the long run.

The stingy Gamecock defense gave up only 90 yards for the night, led by Jackson Lawson, Riley Simmons and Logan McCoy with 4 tackles each. McCoy led the Gamecock offense with 143 yards on 18 carries with two TDs, and converted both two-point conversions.

Kinston 7th in volleyball poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its weekly statewide high school volleyball poll, with the Kinston Lady Bulldogs holding on to their #7 ranking in Class 1A.

The list of classification leaders includes (7A) 1-Hoover, 2-McGill-Toolen, 3-Spain Park; (6A) 1-Hazel Green, 2-Mt. Brook, 3-Spanish Fort; (5A) 1-Bayside, 2-Providence Christian, 3-Alexandria; (4A) Montgomery Academy, 2-Deshler, 3-Curry; (3A) 1-St. Luke's, 2-Danville, 3-Prattville Christian; (2A) 1-Addison, 2-G.W. Long, 3-Hatton, 9-Geneva County; (1A) 1-Donoho, 2-Lindsay Lane, 3-Bayshore Christian, 4-Pleasant Home, 7-Kinston.

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE	
<b>Thursday, Sept. 24</b> Zion Chapel at Elba Goshen at New Brockton	<b>Tuesday, Sept. 29</b> Elba at Red Level Kinston at Pleasant Home Samson at Zion Chapel Luverne at Brantley
<b>Monday, Sept. 28</b> Kinston at Samson New Brockton at Ariton New Brockton vs. Ch. Henderson	<b>Thursday, Oct. 1</b> G.W. Long at Elba Floral at Kinston Ch. Henderson at ZC Red Level at Brantley

Brantley pounds Pleasant Home 54-0

Statistics by Maxpreps  
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs continued their stroll past region opponents Saturday morning with an easy 54-0 win over the winless Pleasant Home Eagles.

Tucker Kilcrease completed 11 of 14 passes for 205 yards and 2 touchdowns and rushed for 13 yards and 1 td on two carries to lead the Bulldog offense, while Daquan Pittman rushed for 37 yards and 1 td on 5 carries and pulled in 4

passes for 87 yards and 1 td, Robert Shine rushed for 66 yards and 2 td's on 2 carries, Westley Person had 2 catches for 46 yards and 1 td, and Kenuwyn Dixon rushed for 1 td and returned a kickoff 75 yards for a score.

The Brantley defense, which held Pleasant Home to minus 12 yards in total offense, was led by Kedrick Brown with 9 tackles and 1 sack, William Cook with 5 tackles and Zack Johnson with 4 stops and a fumble recovery.



Brantley Bulldog Tucker Kilcrease (12) looks for a receiver. Kilcrease completed 11 of 14 passes for 205 yards and 2 touchdowns and rushed for 13 yards and 1 td in last week's 54-0 region win over Pleasant Home.

New Brockton routed in Wicksburg 47-0

Statistics by Brandon 'Speedy' White

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind 12-0 before they even had the chance to run a play and never recovered as they fell to the Wicksburg Panthers 47-0, in a region contest on Friday night in Wicksburg.

Wicksburg received the opening kickoff and went 60 yards in four plays to get on the scoreboard. The Panther touchdown came on a 42-yard pass from Jackson Glover to LaPatrick Murry, and while the extra-point try failed, Wicksburg was on top 6-0 with 10:29 remaining in the first quarter.

The Panthers recovered an on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff and covered the fifty yards to the endzone in nine plays to extend their early advantage. Glover connected with Lucas Myers from seven yards out for the touchdown, and although a two-point run failed to produce points, the Panthers were on top 12-0 with 5:33 left in the opening quarter.

Wicksburg put the ball in play at the New Brockton 34-yardline early in the second quarter after a Gamecock punt and went the distance in seven plays to add to its lead. Glover hit Murry from nine yards out for the score, and Glover connected with Trevor Woodham with a two-point pass as the Panthers lead grew to 20-0 with 9:49 left in the second quarter.

The Panthers began their next offensive series at the Gamecock 35-yardline after a New Brockton punt and in just three plays were right back in the endzone, this time on a 6-yard run by Jaylen Murry that pushed the Panthers lead to 26-0 with 6:16 remaining in the quarter.

Wicksburg added its final points of the half with 36-seconds left on the clock,

when Murry capped a nine play, 72-yard drive with a 37-yard scamper, and Joseph Myers added the extra-point as the Panthers carried a 33-0 lead in at halftime.

New Brockton received the second half kickoff and rode the running and passing of Kaden Cupp and the running of Jordan Tacey to reach a first down and goal at the Wicksburg 5-yardline. However, the Gamecocks were knocked back on the next four plays and handed the ball back to Wicksburg at the Panthers 19-yardline.

Wicksburg turned the tables on the Gamecocks on the ensuing possession as the Panthers went 81 yards in ten plays to get back into the endzone. Murry scored his third touchdown of the game on a 5-yard dash, and Myers added the extra-point as the Panthers lead grew to 40-0 with 1:15 left in the third quarter.

The Panthers added a touchdown with 2:20 remaining in the fourth quarter when Justin Wilbanks scored on a 5-yard run, and Myers booted the extra-point as Wicksburg claimed the surprising 47-0 region win over the Gamecocks.

Kaden Cupp completed 7 of 19 passes for 109 yards and Jordan Tacey rushed for 52 yards on 12 carries to lead the New Brockton offense, while Colton Marsh caught 3 passes for 45 yards and Damarian Holt had 3 catches for 31 yards.

Tra Boland led the Gamecock defense with 8 tackles, while Colton Marsh had 6 stops and Julian Noble and Jack Royce both had 4 stops.

Jackson Glover completed 7 of 12 passes for 107 yards and 3 touchdowns to lead Wicksburg, while Zeke Kelley rushed for 132 yards on 15 carries and Jaylen Murry added 104 yards and 3 td's on six carries.



New Brockton Gamecock head coach Zach Holmes looks for answers on his tablet in recent high school football action.



New Brockton Gamecock cheerleader has spirit as the Gamecocks take the field.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Homecoming celebration cancelled for Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church

The annual Homecoming event at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church has been cancelled this year due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Organizers feel this cancellation is the thing to do out of concerns for the health and safety of all members and visitors.

The event was scheduled for October 4, 2020, and all related activities are cancelled for this year.

The 2021 event is planned for October 3, 2021.

### Let us share your church news!

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### Newbia Baptist Church plans "Old Timey Day" retreat Sept. 27th at The Vineyard

All are invited to join Newbia Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Vineyard Christian Retreat for and "Old Timey Day".

The church will have its morning service in the chapel at 11 a.m. with lunch and fellowship at the pavilion following service. This year's theme is old timey day and most will be dressing the part, i.e. overalls, jeans, long dresses, hats and bonnets, etc. Of course, one

does not have to dress for the occasion to participate. There will be horse shoes, corn hole, fishing, boating, swimming and many other activities during the afternoon's fellowship time. Since lunch is being catered, please RSVP via email [[pastorwilljordan@gmail.com](mailto:pastorwilljordan@gmail.com)] to let the church know how many per family will be attending.

The Vineyard is located at 245 County Road 131, Arton, AL 36311.

### AA/NA meetings held in Elba

Encourage anyone who needs the meetings to attend. These meetings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Road, Elba.

### Church News due on Mondays!

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Scripture: A Plea of Justice [Psalm 82: 1-8]

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

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### September Birthdays

Alene H. Robinson 9/5  
Alex Wright 9/5  
Richard Kyles 9/6  
Iverson Kelley 9/7  
Carter Cross 9/8  
Edwina H. Williams 9/9  
Melonie Lands 9/9  
Min. Arthur (Gus) Gilford 9/10  
Brandy Caldwell 9/10  
Jahari Tyhiem Jones 9/10  
Novella Robinson 9/11  
Min. Cedric Williams 9/12

### \*\* An Ordinary Man

The name of the town (What Have You) was and ordinary town. It had an ordinary high school and an ordinary church that most people ignored. Then Weber came to town. Weber became janitor at the high school. He was an ordinary man who could do extra-or-

dinary things. When a student couldn't get his car started after school, Weber fixed it. Rejecting pay, he said "Helping is more fun when you don't get paid. That's the way Jesus did it. The student wanted to know more about Jesus, so Weber took him to Sunday School. Because the student was a popular boy, friends started going with him. Weber turned down overtime pay with the same kind of response when he worked all night to replace a broken pipe so that school could open in the morning. Impressed with Weber's dedication, the principal started going to church, many of the teachers followed his example and took their families with them.

In his own neighborhood, Weber was everyone's helper. He led in making his block the neatest one in town. Happy neighbors responded by going to church with him and they brought others. Soon the church had to build a bigger house. That, in brief, is the story of a town that was changed because an ordinary man had an extra-ordinary talent for helping people and making friends.

The story of Samson is a different story of an extraordinary man who had an extraordinary talent for making enemies. But his enemies were God's enemies and thus his story has a place in God's Word.

### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 9-17-20 [True or False]

Q: God used a wealthy man to hide Elijah from King Ahab.

A: False [1<sup>st</sup> King 17: 9, 12]

Q: God considered destroying Israel and creating a new nation under Moses.

A: True [Numbers 14: 12]

### Thought to Remember

Wisdom is the principle thing therefore get wisdom but in all their getting get an understanding

### Questions for the Week of 9/24/20

#### Fill in the Blanks

Q: The \_\_\_\_\_ spies returned after searching out the Land of Canaan for \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Q: Peter said that God has given us \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ so we can participate in the divine nature.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

## Pastor's Corner

by Donnie Marler, Pastor  
Woodland Grove Baptist Church

**It seems that if there is one thing certain in life, it is that things are uncertain**

The year 2020 has certainly been one of uncertainty. COVID-19 has disrupted just about everything we do. Schools closed, stores closed, barber and beauty shops closed, and just about everything we do has been altered.

With all of this going on how can anyone find hope and peace? We sometimes refer to things like this as storms that come into our lives. If we use this terminology, how then can we find peace and calm in the midst of the storm?

To find answers to these questions let us look into God's word.

In Mark 5:35-41 and in Matthew 14:22-32 the disciples found themselves in a sudden storm. It appeared their lives were in great danger, but they cried out to Jesus and he spoke to the seas and wind and they became calm. However, Jesus offers us something that is even more important than calming the physical storms. He offers each of us the certainty of an eternity with him if we trust him as our savior.

John 14:1-6 is one of my favorite passages in the Bible. In these verses Jesus tells us to not let our hearts be troubled because he was going to prepare us a place so that where he was we could be also. He described this place as mansions in his Father's house. He not only said he was going to prepare it but said he would come back to take us there. However, Jesus made it perfectly clear that there is only one way to get to that mansion. That is through Jesus Christ himself.

Have you trusted Jesus as your savior? If not, won't you do it today. Then regardless, whether it be diseases, hurricanes, or any other storm that arises in your life you can have the peace of knowing that Jesus is right by your side. And that when this life is over you will get to spend eternity with the one who loved you enough that he was willing to die for you. To be in the very presence of Jesus forever. How glorious it will be. And to live in a mansion. May God bless each of you is my prayer.

### Basin Baptist Church meets Sunday mornings

Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Highway 189 S, Elba, Ala., meets Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for Worship.

Due to COVID-19 safety measures, there are multiple ways to participate in the service — one can attend in person with social distancing measures in place inside the sanctuary, listen from the vehicle in the church parking lot by tuning the radio in to 90.5 FM, or watch the live stream on Facebook on the church page [[@Basin Baptist Church](https://www.facebook.com/BasinBaptistChurch)]. The video also is available on the facebook page after the service.

Wednesday Bible Study is held at the church at 6:30 p.m. Children's class also available at this time.

### Summer grads announced for Alabama

The University of Alabama awarded some 1,345 degrees during its summer commencement July 31 - Aug. 2.

With a beautiful campus, dozens of challenging academic programs, expert faculty and numerous opportunities for service and growth, The University of Alabama is a place where legends are made. UA offers its students a premier educational, cultural and social experience with more than 200 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs. The campus gives students the opportunity to interact with faculty performing cutting-edge research.

Locally, Ayanna Lawrence of Elba received a Bachelor of Arts degree. James Sikes of Jack received a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering

The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education. UA is dedicated to achieving excellence in scholarship, collaboration and intellectual engagement; providing public outreach and service to the state of Alabama and the nation; and nurturing a campus environment that fosters collegiality, respect and inclusivity.



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- Elba City School Board/Past Chairman

